

Deputies' Meeting

Tuesday, 25 November 1952

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PRESENT: General Smith, Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Wolf, Amory, Hedder, [REDACTED]

Mr. Dulles:

a. Noted a memorandum from Col. Baird concerning maritime training and after some discussion wherein it was pointed out that Baird had received no directive on this type training, D/DCI turned the memorandum over to DD/P.

b. Noted that Mr. [REDACTED] intended to come to Washington on Friday, 28 November, to go over the proposed plan for examination of our cold war activities and stated that Cabot Lodge had been advised of this plan. After considerable discussion as to how and when a committee should be appointed to review these activities, the Director stated there were three approaches we could take: (1) handle the appointment of the committee in the same way as the Brownell Committee was designated which would necessitate letters of instructions from the Secretaries of State and Defense; (2) appoint our own committee and direct it to proceed immediately with the review -- in this connection, the Director noted that the results of this committee's inspection might later be adopted as "the official report"; (3) proceed along the lines suggested by [REDACTED] Of the three approaches indicated above, the Director stated he preferred the first, allowing the new Secretaries of State and Defense to appoint the committee in question and furnish terms of reference. The Director went on to say if the third alternative was selected he did not wish CIA to participate in the selection of the committee other than indicating that [REDACTED] would be our representative. It is to be noted that the Director reiterated his statements that (1) the appointment of the committee under discussion should be delayed until the new Secretaries of State and Defense assume office; (2) the activities of a committee appointed by the incumbent Secretaries of State and Defense would, in all probability, encounter passive resistance; (3) we would not win or lose the cold war in the next two months. In connection with this whole problem, Mr. Hedden suggested that we prepare a report on our cold war activities based on frank appraisals to be submitted by our field personnel. The Director stated that at the present time he did not feel we are adequate to appraise ourselves in this regard and this was basically his reason for establishing the new PRC procedures.

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Mr. Wisner:

a. Noted he had a staff study regarding a source of information and, after some discussion, the Director approved the recommendation that a certain individual informally discuss with the source in question ways and means of implementing this operation. In this connection, both the DCI and DDCI expressed a desire to see this man prior to his departure.

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Mr. Hedden noted he had attended a [redacted] meeting yesterday and stated he was impressed by the Board's knowledge of this activity.

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a. Noted he was returning to [redacted] tomorrow.

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b. Asked that the transfer of any activities from [redacted] be coordinated with him.

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